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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I hope the hon. Member will conclude his speach."

* Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" There are a number of sources by which, if only the Government have a will, they can get the amount necessary to give relief to the ryot. Other Governments had the will and they have been doing it, and other countries are taking measures in order to meet the situation that has arisen on account of the economic depression. If this Government can be convinced to take a sympathetic attitude towards the ryot who pays the Government, let them come to his rescue immediately instead of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. There are many ways by which they can meet the present situation. They can remit 25 per cent and I am sure even if they remit 50 per cent it would not be much. As a matter of fact, even to-day I received a petition from the ryots of my district bewailing of their condition and asking me to take the petition to His Excellency the Governor and make proper representations on their behalf. What the ryot in the village is keenly feeling is, when he, who pays every one, is actually suffering, how can this heartless Government pay such high salaries to Government officials. When the prices of commodities went up and this Government proposed increase of salaries, this Council did not grudge to increase the salaries of officers and when the prices come down—not twofold but even fourfold,—is it not fair for us to expect these officers to share the distress of the ryot, not merely by a 10 per cent cut, but even much more than that in order to help the ryot who has helped him in times of need? That is the direction in which Government ought to proceed first; and if they cannot do that, there is the surplus. If such surplus cannot be utilized on an occasion like the present when there is so much distress, what is the use of that? I do not think a better occasion would come to the Government to use the large surpluses at the disposal of the Government.

" I can suggest some other sources but as the time at my disposal is very short, I can only appeal to the Government to have some heart for the ryot who has been helping the Government and everybody."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Further discussion upon this resolution will continue to-morrow."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

XIII.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

U.O. Note [a] *No.* 6766-*C*-5, *dated 22nd January* 1934, *with reference to the answer to the supplementary question to Legislative Council Question No.* 410 *answered on 8th November* 1933.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 230 infra.